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SAWIA Executive announced: strong leadership maintained

SAWIA has appointed its new Executive Committee for 2021–22, maintaining the strong leadership team of Nick Waterman (Yalumba Family Winemakers) as President and Chair and Kirsty Balnaves (Balnaves of Coonawarra and Coonawarra Grape and Wine Inc) as Vice President.

SAWIA welcomes Alex Trescowthick of Red Heads Wines to the Executive, representing the Adelaide Hills Wine Region Inc. Otherwise, there remains a continuity of Board members.

The new Executive Committee was announced at SAWIA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) held today (30 September 2021) to report on its activities, challenges and highlights of the past financial year.

The AGM appoints and elects the Executive Committee, a unique blend of seven appointed representatives from South Australian regional wine organisations and the election of six member companies who come from small, medium and large wine businesses from SAWIA's broad membership.

"We are delighted with our Board leadership team for 2021/2022, which will continue to guide the delivery of the services and resources wine businesses need to thrive in this rapidly evolving market," said Brian Smedley, Chief Executive of SAWIA.

Members of the new Executive Committee are:

- **Nick Waterman**, Yalumba Family Winemakers (President)
- **Kirsty Balnaves**, Balnaves of Coonawarra, Coonawarra Grape and Wine Inc (Vice President)
- **Jason Duldig**, Accolade Wines
- **Robert Taddeo**, Pernod Ricard Winemakers
- **Paul Zerella**, Project Wine Pty Ltd
- **Anthony Catanzariti**, Treasury Wine Estates
- **Jeremy Blanks**, Tarac Technologies Pty Ltd
- **Alex Trescowthick**, Red Heads Wines, Adelaide Hills Wine Region Inc
- **James March**, Heathvale Wines, Barossa Grape & Wine Association Inc
- **Olivia Hoffmann-Barry**, Jim Barry Wines Pty Ltd, Clare Valley Wine and Grape Association Inc
- **Nicole Clark**, Kimbolton Vineyards Pty Ltd, Langhorne Creek Grape and Wine Inc
- **Anna Fisher**, Zonte's Footstep, McLaren Vale Grape Wine and Tourism Association Inc
- **Darcy Bates**, Kingston Estate Wines, Riverland Wine Industry Development Council

"The 2021/22 SAWIA Board membership provides strong continuity from last year with one change in personnel being Alex Trescowthick representing the Adelaide Hills," Mr Smedley said.

"This stability is important given the uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, disruptions in global wine markets and other challenges."

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The AGM also included a report on SAWIA's activity for the past financial year, which featured a strong financial result in line with SAWIA's intent to continually reinvest in providing valued services to its members.

About SAWIA:

The South Australian Wine Industry Association is the peak body representing the viticultural and winemaking interests of the state.

The association's core functions are to provide representation, leadership, advice, information and products and services to its members. The association also provides promotional programs and market development opportunities including wine appreciation courses through its National Wine Education and Training Centre.

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